

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claim 71.

Please amend claim 70, rewritten as follows:

70. (Amended) A prescription created by a computer-implemented prescription creation system for use by a prescriber in creating a prescription at a point of patient care, said prescription being usable by a pharmacist to dispense drugs, said prescription creation system comprising:

a) electronic posting means to select and capture in said prescription:

i) a patient identifier;

ii) a prescribed drug intended to treat a patient condition;

iii) a dosage for said prescribed drug.

**REMARKS**

This Second Preliminary Amendment is being filed supplemental to the Preliminary Amendment filed with the Rule 53b Continuation Application on August 30, 2001. Entry of this Second Preliminary Amendment prior to examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this

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**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

The specification of the above-identified application has been amended as follows:

Page 1, between the "TECHNICAL FIELD" and line 1, please rewrite/amend the Cross Reference to Related Applications section as follows (previously inserted by our August 30, 2001 Preliminary Amendment):

**CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

This application is a Continuation of Application Serial No. 09/201,107 filed November 30, 1998, (the contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference in their entirety), which is a Continuation of Application Serial No. [08/330,939 filed October 28, 1997 (now U.S. Patent No. 5,737,539)] 08/942,372 filed October 2, 1997 (now U.S. Patent No. 5,845,255), which is a Continuation of Serial No. 330,745 filed October 28, 1994 (abandoned).

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- i) a patient identifier;
- ii) a prescribed drug intended to treat a patient condition;
- iii) a dosage for said prescribed drug[; and

b) a prescription division subsystem to create a bridge prescription divided into a local prescription component intended for fulfillment at a pharmacy convenient to said patient and a separate, remote prescription component intended for fulfillment at a remote, lower cost, mail order pharmacy;

said prescription creation system automatically creating and outputting said prescription components].